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MR. MARIE ROZE says that never again will she accept flowers upon the stage. Ah! the world does move, and human advancement is demonstrated at last.

We want no secret society in this country that resorts to assassination, says the

Sioux City Journal. Precisely; nor do we want any secret society in this country that has any relation whatever to home or foreign politics.

"To be seventy years young is better than to be forty years old," wrote Oliver

Wendell Holmes to Mrs. Julia Ward Howe on her birthday. What a sermon in a sentence. To grow old gracefully is to renew youth and shed upon our fellows the beneficence of a radiant example of a life worth living.

ENGINEERS of skill now declare that the

Johnstown dam was constructed in violation of the most elementary engineering principles, and in defiance of the most ordinary rules of good construction. If that be true, the authorities should pursue the

builder who erected the new dam, and the employers who engaged him, knowing him to be incompetent. And that pursuit should be undertaken with a view to their punishment for criminal negligence.

KING KALAKAUA is about to pass through the country. Now let us look

into our hearts and see if we are in the United States to low before the king and artificial

royalty. Let us hope that the people of American character Kalakaua will be

treated simply as the chief official and magistrate of a country with which we maintain friendly relations. He does not expect in a republic the homage bestowed upon a king in a monarchy. To ap

peal here will be to expose ourselves to the contempt of the genuine sons of the old

world, and the laughter of titled people of good breeding in Europe.

THE promise of the present is that in the

early future flax culture will be greatly enlarged in the United States. The

manufacture become one of the leading industries of our country. A million tons of

flax straw have annually gone to waste in the West. We now find that under

recent inventions we can utilize the fiber of the plant with great profit. We

will need to protect the manufacture, but the compensation, it is held, will be ample.

We send abroad \$15,000,000 annually for

linen alone. We are able to produce the material and the manufactured article to

full amount and more. The simple question remaining is whether Congress

will so far protect the industry as to enable the result indicated to be attained.

THE newspapers of the East, with an

odd mingling of humor and seriousness, are discussing the question, "What shall

be our national flower?" The choice has

ranged over pretty nearly the whole floral kingdom, but the majority of journalists,

poets and women have agreed upon "Golden Rod." The whole discussion is silly.

We can only account for such papers as the

Covier-Journal, Commercial-Gazette and Springfield Journal engaging in the debate,

upon the theory that it is a bit of relief, a sort of humorous relaxation from the

tread-mill of every day editing, the grind of politics and the level road of economic

debates. The simple fact is, we want no national flower. Such emblems will

be for the pocket burroughs of the old world, not to diverse in its types to make any

one flower the emblem of the Republic.

THE Albany Journal declares that not

one woman in ten can sit or stand properly and easily. How can you, used in

stiff corsets, steel and springs? It adds that not one woman in a thousand is

of natural form. How can they be, drawn up with laces, tilted forward by high

heels, shrunken by confining bands and encumbered by useless clothing? Our

contemporary declares that dress reform must triumph. So it will, but not until

men decree it. As long as they consent to their daughters being bound up in ribs of

steel and whalebone, and lashed out of shape by cords and laces, they must expect a race of women waspish in

weak in the vital organs, "short-winded" and short lived, full of complaints and

pains, and slaves to nervous and stomachic disorders. Her Jemmes-Miller and the

reformers of her class are doing more for the women of America to-day than any

other agencies or influences. They are proving that artistic dressing is not incompatible with beautiful dressing; that

tasteful drapery may be retained without compression of the body; that free movement of the limbs may be had without loss

of beauty in dress; that a pinched waist is not an essential of good form; that healthfulness is compatible with loveliness and strength, and freedom with softness and grace.

WHY WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO HELP.

Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania, in

response to an inquiry by the New York

Mail and Express, has stated that there is not nearly enough money "in sight" to

meet the needs for relief at Johnstown, Nineveh, Woodville, Kernville and Cambrist City. There are 10,000 men employed

in recovering the dead and clearing away the wreckage, and these must be en-

IN THE MICK OF TIME.

Miss Lily Stames, night operator at the

Floodwood Station, sat before her table on

the telephone instrument clicked busily, a thoughtful expression on her

face.

A face whose expression was its charm, that never could be called pretty, but that,

nevertheless, suggested a possibility—only a possibility—of being handsome. For

there was a vast difference between pretty and handsome. Pretty people seldom

know very much; but to be handsome a person must have brains, an inner as well as an outer beauty.

Floodwood was a formerly desolate spot, and where any man, except Lily, would have been afraid to come, much less to stay alone all night with nothing but the wild sally singing through the wires

overhead and the shrill shrieks of the wildcats away up on the mountain side to keep her company through the night

yours. But to her there was something fascinating in the very desolation of the place. From early childhood she had

been accustomed to commune with nature in her wild scenes, and played and wandered at will in the mountain gorges and canyons. With no foolish old woman or

silly nurse-girl to frighten her childish senses with stories of hideous goblins and

monstrous goblins, she had grown to womanhood naturally brave and fearless. In truth, she did not yet understand the

meaning of the word fear.

Her office was nothing more than a

roughly built shack, seven or eight feet square, with a small window in each end

and one in the door which faced the railroad track. It had been hurriedly put

together with green lumber while the night was in course of construction, with the

intention of only using it temporarily until a better one could be built, but as usual

in such cases, it had done duty for its original purpose ever since.

The rough, unpainted boards were now

badly warped and shrunken by long exposure to the elements, and in many places

the light of day had fallen completely. No doubt in the winter time the bleak

mountain wind cheerily whistled through many apertures, and while one side of the unhappy operator was being

browned like a piece of toast by the red-hot stove, the other side would be refrigerated by a frozen rabbit.

It was about 11 o'clock in the morning

when Lily received an order from the train dispatcher which read as follows:

To operator, Floodwood: Hold No. 21 until

22 arrives. B. K. O.

On receipt of this order she immediately

displayed the red signal light, which is furnished all telegraph stations for this

purpose, in a conspicuous place, in plain sight of passing trains, and that station

it could be seen from the office window.

The necessity for this order and position of the two trains, briefly stated, are as follows:

No. 22 had arrived at Silver Creek, ten

miles west of Floodwood, a few minutes after No. 21 had passed Redwood, which

was fifteen miles east of Floodwood. No. 22 was late and could go no further

on the schedule, according to the rules of the road, they would be compelled to lay

off at Silver Creek until No. 21 had passed. Unless they could get orders to telegraph

to meet them at some other station, Floodwood being the only intervening telegraph

office between the two trains, the dispatcher had to order them to lay off at Redwood, as soon as it was properly acknowledged by

Lily he sent another order to No. 22 at Silver Creek, which read in this manner:

To conductor and Engineer, No. 22: Meet

No. 21 at Floodwood. Approach carefully. B. K. O.

The intelligent reader will readily under-

stand that by means of these orders the

two trains would meet each other at Floodwood in perfect safety, notwithstanding

the fact that neither of them knew nothing of the arrangement.

To explain: If No. 21 should arrive

first, they would be stopped by the red

light, which showed that there were or-

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operator would deliver them a copy of the order to hold them for No. 22. This

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